

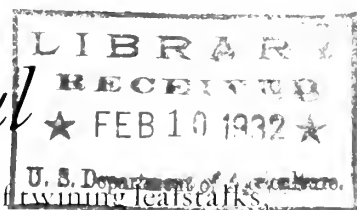
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# CLEMATIS

*...The Vine Beautiful*



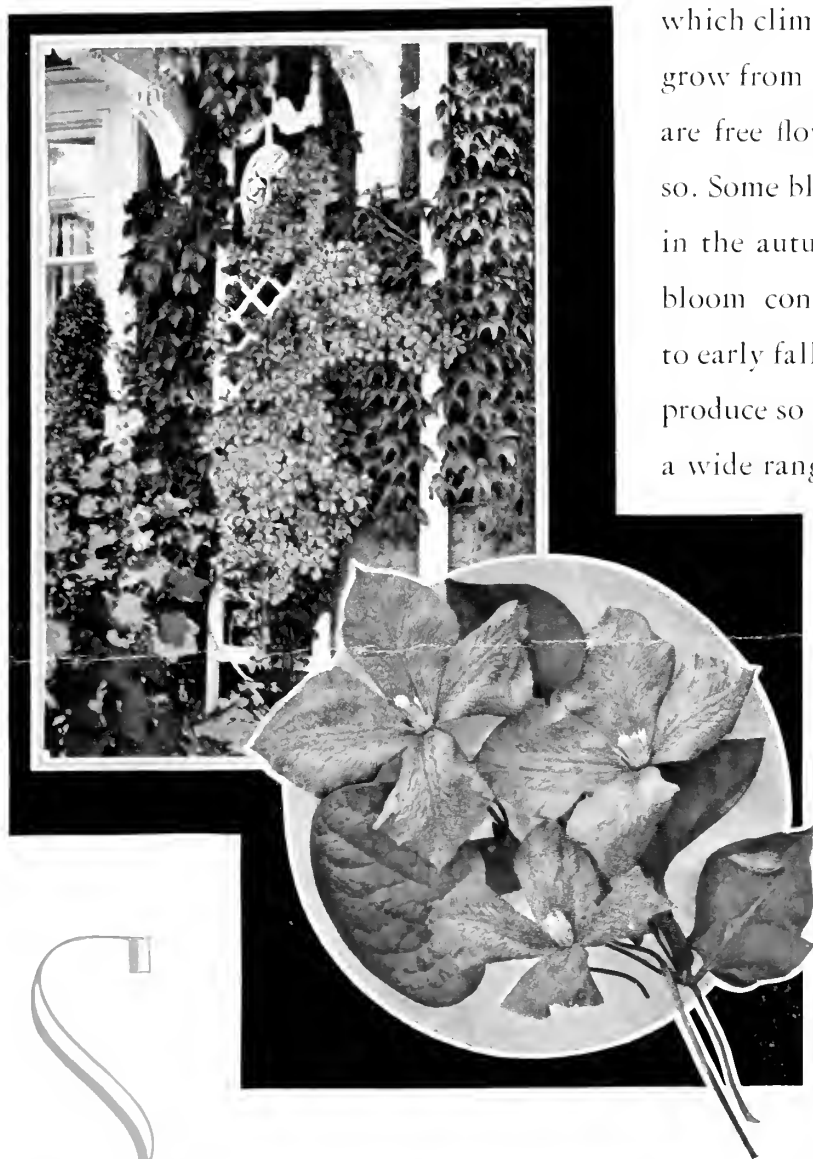
which climbing by means of twining leafstalks, grow from six to sixty feet tall. In general they are free flowering, many sorts extraordinarily so. Some blossom in the spring, quite a number in the autumn but by far the greatest number bloom continuously throughout the summer to early fall. No other group of climbing plants produce so large blossoms and none boasts such a wide range of color.

The flowers vary in size from about one inch to eight inches; in form they may be tubular, star-like, platter-like or urn-shape. The colors range from bright red and pure blue through varying shades of red and magenta to rich purple tones. In a great number the flowers are white, in some they are pure pink and in the others lilac or lavender.

SINCE this organization has attained the distinction of being the largest producers of Clematis plants in the United States, it is proper to have a greater portion of this folder devoted to descriptions of these several varieties.

Clematis are cosmopolitan plants, rich in virtues of surpassing merit. A few of the members are little more than herbaceous perennials but the vast majority are plants,

What many species lack in size of blossom, they make up for in quantity, whilst a pleasant fragrance is an attribute of the rank and file. Some are ever-green but the greatest number lose their leaves in autumn.







***Clematis Jackmani.*** A vine of overwhelming gorgeousness suitable for trellis or porch decoration. Easy to grow. Blooms over a long season. Perfectly hardy and attracts favorable attention everywhere.

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# HARDY CLEMATIS

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**HARDY** Hybrid Clematis are free-flowering climbers, easy to grow, very popular, and with almost endless possibilities because of their good-natured habit and free summer and autumn flowering. The many beautiful varieties of Clematis may be used in different ways—on pergolas, arches, summer-houses, verandas, pillars, house-fronts, old trees, or as trailers over rockwork and walls. The colors of the best hybrid varieties range from rich crimson to deep violet-blue, through varying shades of white and pink, with large petals of shimmery texture, exquisite both to the eye and touch.

### Our Selection of the Best Hybrid Varieties

**Jackmani.** Rich glowing violet-blue. A most profuse bloomer. Illustrated on the other side of this leaflet.

**Henryi.** A charming, vigorous variety bearing large, snow-white flowers continuously from June until October. The blooms are enormous, sometimes nearly 8 inches across, with fluted petals and a glistening, frosty sheen.

**Mme. Edouard Andre.** Resembles Jackmani in the profusion with which it produces its large, handsome, velvety flowers of a gorgeous shade of wine-crimson. This is one of the handsomest vines ever grown and is rarely seen.

**Duchess of Edinburgh.** The abundant, double, pure white flowers which this

variety produces give it a distinction unapproached by any other vine. It has both sumptuousness and delicacy, and is one of the most charming ornaments for any location.

**Ramona.** The large silken flowers are clear sky-blue, an ineffable shade which appeals to everyone.

**Mme. Baron Veillard.** As a result of continuous hybridizing, this dainty, exquisite, silvery pink variety has come into existence. The flowers are large and unique in color among Clematises. One of the most decorative plants imaginable for garden use.

### Culture

The cultural requirements of Clematis are not unusual. They like a rich, well-drained soil which has been deeply dug and mixed with lime in the proportion of one spadeful to a wheelbarrow load of soil. Annual mulchings of manure are a great benefit, and they should never be permitted to suffer from lack of water at any time. As soon as the plants begin to run, they should be given the support of a trellis or properly arranged wires upon which to fasten themselves, and the branches should be encouraged to spread out as widely as possible, in order that all parts of the stem and foliage may receive their full complement of sunshine. When the plants receive the benefit of fresh air and clean sunlight, they will bloom with profuse abandon. With proper planting and fertilization, their care in after-years is extremely simple.

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The common name of Virgin's Bower portrays their graceful habit of growth and wealth of wreathing blossoms. They are indeed joyous plants and as befitting such demand that their upper parts at least bask in the sun's full presence. Certain species are handsome when past flowering on account of the large fluffy heads of silken fruit.

#### CARE AND PLANTING

IN planting it is best to place them on the west or south west of a wall or trellis, so that they may enjoy some protection in the early spring, but as they burst into growth they should not lack free air and sunlight. One other and very important point indeed,—Clematis are lime loving plants. When this Mineral is not naturally present in the soil, it should be added. Some grow well in ordinary garden soils, but all are benefitted by a dressing of lime. Clematis, like human beings,

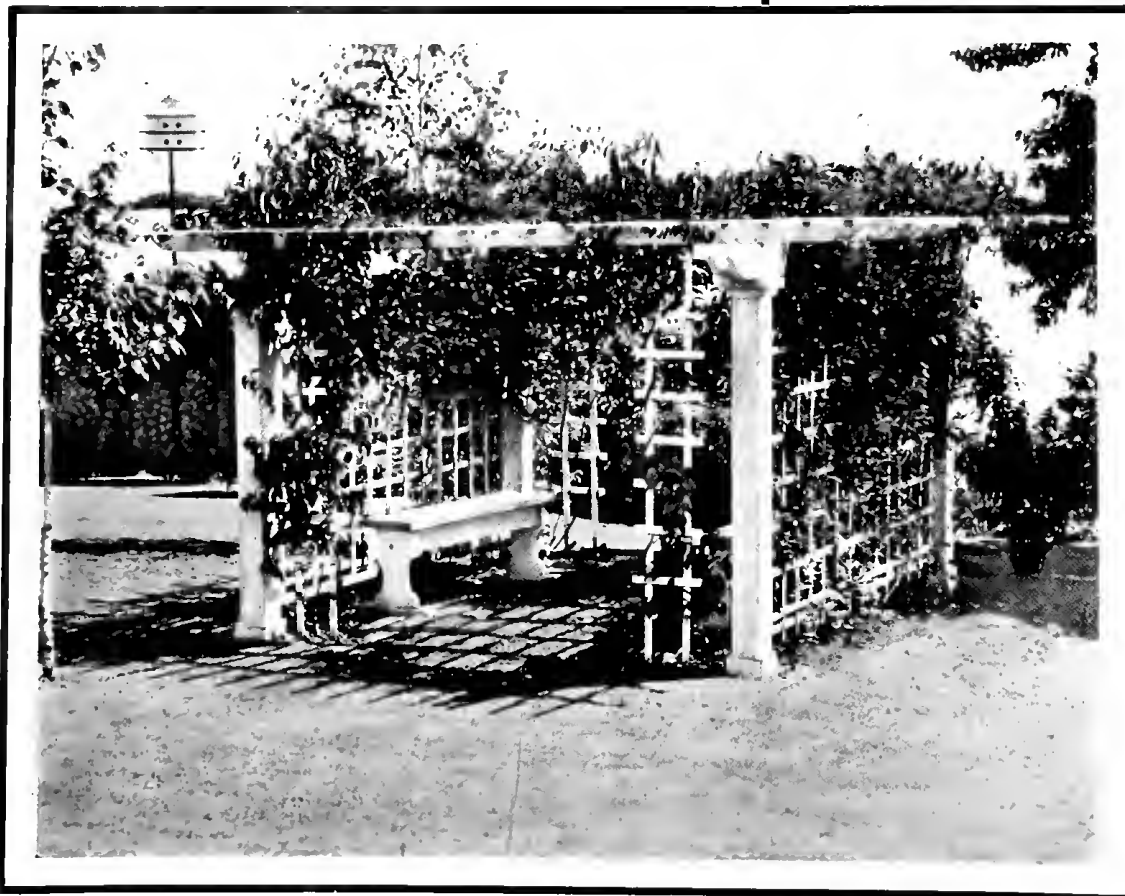
of boulders and cliffs. They are gross feeders delighting in rich, well drained loam and abundance of leaf-mould.

#### ORIGIN

THE large-flowered Clematis are of mixed parentage and obscure origin. It is doubtful if some of the printed stories concerning them have foundation in fact. The original Clematis of this class, is supposed to be *C. Hendersoni*, which is said to have been obtained about 1830 by crossing *C. Viticella* and *C. Integrifolia*. In truth *C. Hendersoni* is not far removed and is probably a form of *C. Viticella* which is a native of Southern Europe and grown in gardens since the Sixteenth Century.

However, the *Viticella* and *Hendersoni* best claims to fame are as part parents to Jackmani.

The Jackmani, probably the most popular of



All views on this page show the Jackmani variety, and were taken on our premises.

*Upper—Close-up corner of Arbor.*

*Lower left—Full view of Arbor.*

*Lower right—Small portion of field of one hundred thousand plants.*

object to draughts about their feet and ankles. They are best accommodated against walls or trellises attached to buildings; also they make a glorious tangle over rocks or old tree-stumps and, aided by twiggy branches, form hummock like masses in borders. In nature Clematis are mostly denizens of thickets and margins of woods; some court the shelter







all the Clematis family, has flowers of varying shades of purple and each measure from four to five inches across. This has been a prime favorite for more than half a century. Where happy, they are vigorous growers delighting in sunshine and blossoming freely from July to October.

Altho the Clematis species boasts of a score or more of these varieties, there are but a few obtainable in this country.

After thirty-two years as Clematis Specialists we list besides the Jackmani, which has been described in a foregoing paragraph, five of the most beautiful and outstanding varieties. They are all large-flowered and form a most gorgeous group with platter-like blossoms; these are produced in rich abundance.

In point of hardiness, they are much like the Jackmani carrying rich, deep foliage,

which form an ideal covering for topping a wall or clothing a trellis.

Duchess of Edinburgh are endowed with large double-white blossoms, Henryi with eight inch broad flowers, Ramona with light blue and Mme. Edward Andre with dark crimson flowers.

Madam Baron-Villard, a vigorous grower, carries full pink blossoms and comes into being through crossing of the various and most lovely varieties.

Continuous propagation and experimenting is in full swing throughout the year, with our large organization ever on the jump for new and better Clematis Varieties.

Eight large green houses, together with unlimited out-door planting facilities has gradually enabled us to propagate yearly, two hundred thousand fine, vigorous plants.

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